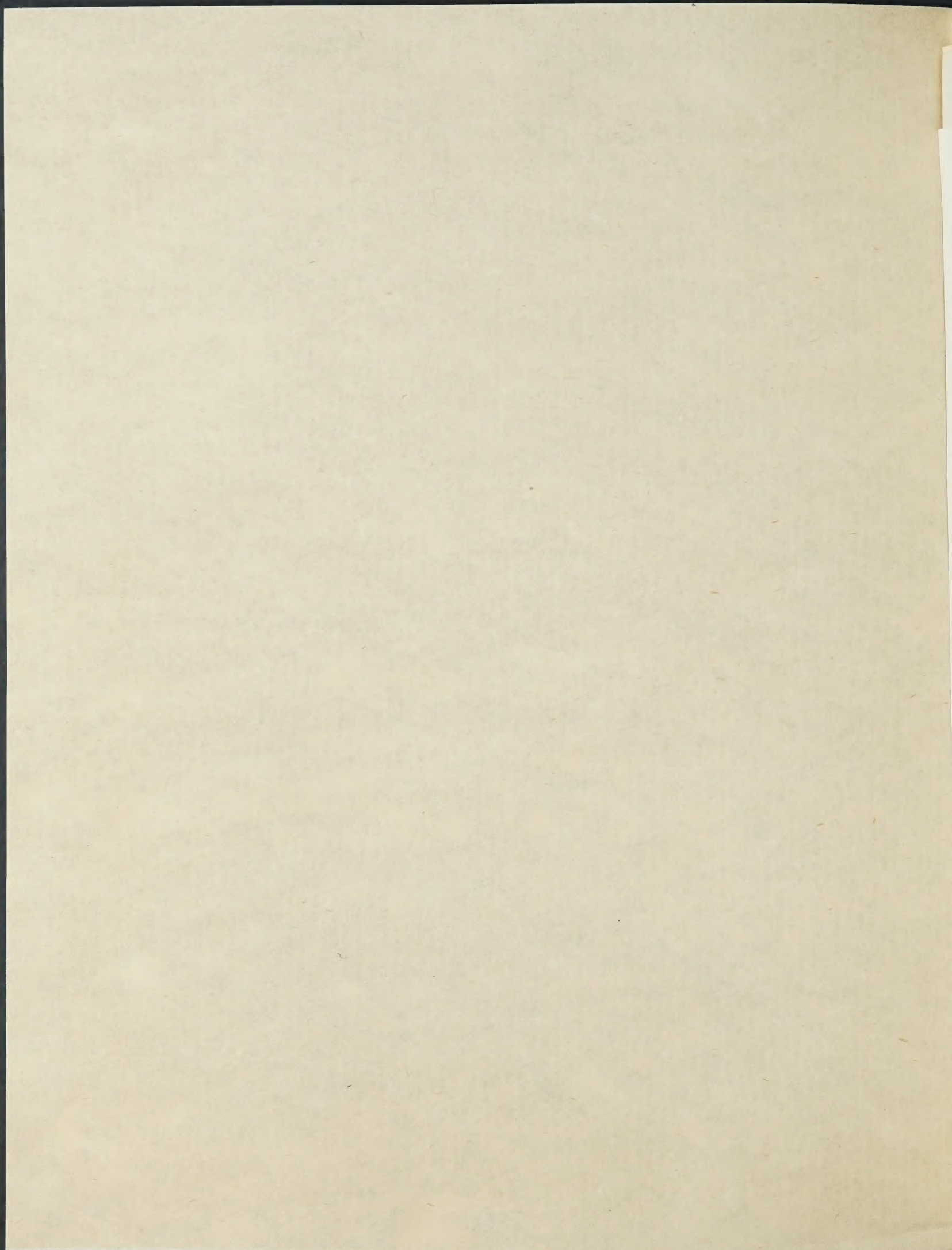


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University of Toronto,

October 4th, 1917.

President Sir Robert Falconer,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President :

In accordance with my letter to you in April regarding the work in Psychology for the present session, you will remember that the sum of two hundred dollars was left to be given as an honorarium to an assistant who would be appointed at the opening of the session. Since the number of students does not require another assistant in the under-graduate work, and since the research work in the clinic is being carried on in association with Dr. Clarke and Dr. Hincks, I beg to ask that Dr. Clarence M. Hincks, who gratuitously gave so much time and energy to the work of the clinic last year, be given the honorarium of two hundred dollars, and appointed as assistant in the Psychological Laboratory for the present session.

Yours sincerely,

*Recommended*

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TORONTO, CANADA

PSYCHOLOGICAL LABORATORY

December 12th, 1917.

Dear Mr. President:

Permit me to appeal to you in the matter of a considerable difficulty in connection with the work in our Laboratory. Our Psychological rooms were rearranged so as to provide a lecture room on the ground floor, our office and clinical work on the next floor, and our normal experimental work on the top floor. In connection with the Psychiatric Clinic we have a great amount of work to do, synopsising, studying, and classifying the reports of the thousands of cases that are being examined.

But during this whole term we have been handicapped continuously on cold days by lack of heat. At no time is there a constant temperature for a few hours. The heat is turned off in the evening about 6 o'clock, and then in the morning the radiators are cold, so that the temperature during these last two weeks has been down to about 50, and scarcely ever rises above 60 during the day. Reports are made to Mr. Bradshaw five or six times a day, and he does his best, so that I do not think the trouble lies there. The heat is often turned on and will remain so for ten or fifteen minutes, and then goes off again, leaving the radiators sometimes entirely cold for an hour or more. I have reported the matter to the Superintendent, but he does not seem able to do anything.

During last week and this our rooms have not risen above 60 degrees, and it is impossible for a stenographer to do effective work in such a temperature, and there is the added danger of taking cold while sitting at work in such conditions. I have felt constrained to lay the matter before you because unless we can have more heat, and at a somewhat uniform temperature, it will be necessary to eliminate altogether our work here in connection with the Clinic. Every afternoon, except Thursday, is set aside for the examination of cases, but it is decidedly unpleasant for children to come here and sit with their overcoats on during an hour's examination.

This matter may lie outside the questions with which you ordinarily deal, but I have felt compelled to appeal to you on the question, as the only remaining source of authority and help, before concluding that the clinical work must be abandoned. I remain

Yours very sincerely,

W. G. Smith

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January 17th, 1918

Professor W. G. Smith,

University of Toronto.

My dear Professor Smith:

I am very sorry to hear this morning from Dr. Pratt that you have been suffering from an acute attack of neuritis for some time. This is the first word I had of it, and I am extremely sorry. If I can get time I will drop in to see you some afternoon, and I hope that the trouble will soon pass away. You have certainly had a very large share of sickness in the last few years. I hope that you will not worry over your work and I will ask Professor Hume to see that arrangements are made that the students may suffer as little as possible.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

